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CHAIRMAN OF THE REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY MR. KEMAL KILIÇDAROĞLU'S STATEMENT ON THE PASSAGE OF RESOLUTION 296 BY THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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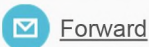
The Resolution 296 "Affirming the United States record on the Armenian Genocide", passed by the U.S. House of Representatives by a majority on October 29, 2019, marks a serious breaking point in Turkey-U.S. relations that is difficult to mend. This resolution, adopted by the representatives of the House, upon their frustration with the government of Turkey, will not only have negative repercussions on Turkey-U.S. relations, but also on Turkey-Armenia relations.

The events that caused great trauma both for Turks and Armenians in 1915 amount to a tragedy, which has left deep wounds in the memories of both peoples. Erasing the traces of this tragedy and healing its wounds will entail both peoples to

act together with the same determination. Third parties' undue acts and decisions on this matter will exacerbate this unsettled question.

We remind the U.S. President Donald Trump as well as the U.S. Senate that this resolution by the House of Representatives will only shake the foundations of bridges built between Turkey and Armenia, and will leave a dark legacy to the next generations. The Republican People's Party (CHP) firmly believes that issues about history should be resolved by the countries concerned and third parties should not take sides in these issues.

Finally, we reiterate our strong rejection of the House of Representatives' Resolution 296, while underlining our position that parliaments should not cause new tensions in our region through their acts and decisions. The duty of states should be to help peoples, who lived together fraternally for centuries, to look to the future in peace and with confidence.



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